



CITY OF SANTEE

ORGANIC WASTE RECYCLING

New requirements for organic waste recycling went into effect April 1, 2016.

Statewide regulations have been approved by both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Office of Administrative Law (OAL).

CA ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1826, CHAPTER 727

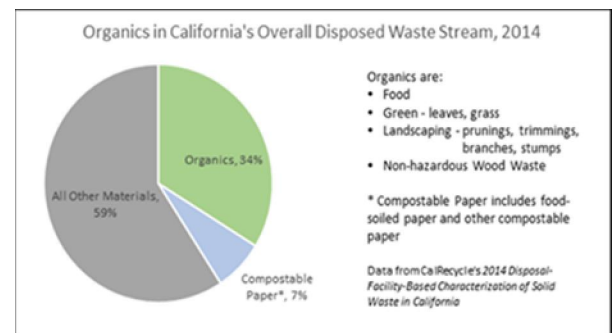
What is organic waste?

Organic waste is a broad term that incurs items such as food waste, green waste from landscaping and pruning, and food-soiled paper waste.

Why does this matter?

At the Local Level:

Our landfills will eventually run out of space. Sycamore Canyon Landfill, has an estimated remaining lifespan of 20 years. Organic waste accounts for 30% of the material in California's waste system. Reducing the amount of waste entering the landfill will help reduce the need for new landfills. Less expansion means more open space dedicated to other land use, like affordable housing and parks for our children and grandchildren.



At the National Level:

Organic waste adds methane gas to the atmosphere, one of the main factors contributing to global climate change.

Who is affected by AB 1826?

Commercial Businesses, which includes multiple-family complexes of 5 or more units, which generates 8 cubic yards (equivalent to about 2 full 4-yard dumpsters) or more of organic waste per week must arrange recycling services for organic waste. The City of Santee asks all businesses that recycle organics to ensure that a leak proof bin is used. All waste (trash and recycling) should be stored in a trash enclosure with solid roofing.

Who is exempt?

Exemptions are determined on a case-by-case basis and may include:

1. Demonstrated lack of sufficient space in multi-family complexes or businesses to provide additional organic material recycling bins.
2. Business currently recycles a significant portion of its organic waste.
3. Limited-term exceptions for extraordinary and unforeseen events.

For more information regarding AB 1826, visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics/